

## **REMARKS**

### **Status**

Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 47 and 48 were pending in this application. The present response does not add or cancel any claims. Accordingly, those same claims are the subject of this response.

### **The Office Action**

In the Office Action mailed July 27, 2007, claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 35, 37, 38 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,247,619 of Gill in view of U.S. Patent 5,188,266 of Loulias and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,566,645 of Cole.

Claims 37, 38 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for particular noted informalities.

Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 32, 33 and 48 were indicated as embodying allowable subject matter, and were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the search, for the Office Action, for the thorough explanation of the basis of the rejections, for the indication of allowable subject matter, and for the withdrawal of the restriction requirement previously made.

### **This Response Places the Application in Condition for Allowance**

By the present amendment, Applicant has overcome all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and has amended all claims to embody subject matter indicated per the Examiner as being allowable.

Specifically, claim 37 has been amended to delete the objected to statement "and the like." Claim 37 and claim 38 dependent thereupon now overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§112, second paragraph. Claim 47 has been amended to delete "such as immunoglobulins." Claim 47 now overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 22 by reciting that the proximal end of the adaptor is a tapered end. Claim 1 and all claims dependent thereupon are now allowable. Likewise, claim 35 which is directed to a method for the oral administration of a fluid to an animal is likewise allowable since it includes the limitation of providing a device according to now allowable claim 1. Likewise, claim 47 directed to a method for conferring passive immunity to a newly born domestic animal includes the limitation of using a device according to now allowable claim 1, and as such is also allowable.

Applicant has also noted a typographical error in claim 1, section iv)b) and has made proper reference to the fluid source container.

### Conclusion

The present amendment resolves all outstanding rejections and places the application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions which would place the application in still better condition for allowance, they should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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